## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph commencing at page 8, line 6 is amended as follows:

If $SIR \geq T_{SIR}$, it is determined that ~~despite~~ because of the fact that the downlink channel of the given mobile station is of excellent quality the transmit power of the base station ~~cannot~~ can be lowered below the minimum level $P_{MIN}$. In other words, the downlink channel still has an excellent quality to tolerate a reduction of power. If this is the case, flow proceeds from step 34 to step 33 to decrement the current transmit power lever $P_{TX}$ by the stepsize value $P_{STP}$.